

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 8 and 11 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 8-9, 11-13, and 26-28 are pending in this application.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended to recite "a map" to provide an antecedent basis for claims 3, 9, 26 and 27. Accordingly, the Section 112 rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 11-13, and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sagie (U.S. 2002/0091793) and in view of DeLorme et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040).

The present claims now recite "wherein the user information includes information created by the user and entered at least one of before or during the tour, and wherein the user created information is integrated into the guide contents." (Claims 2, 8 and 11) The present invention, thus, allows the user to customize the guide contents with information created (prepared) by the user, such as memo information, favorite registrations, and route setting, where the user created information is integrated with the acquired information into the guide contents. (See specification, for example, at paragraphs [0043], [0044], [0049] and [0082]). In addition, according to the present invention, the user can enter the user created information before or during the tour (see specification, for example, at paragraphs [0254] and [0258]), thereby allowing the user to customize the guide contents using user created

information available in advance of the tour, as well as user created information obtained during the tour.

The Examiner admitted that Sagie does not meet the present invention's claim limitation of previewing and customizing the guide contents on the basis of user entered information. (Office Action pages 3-4).

DeLorme et al. does not cure the deficiencies of Sagie regarding the claimed invention. The cited portions of Delorme et al. appear to disclose user customization of travel plans, based on entry by the user of "user-defined selections" of information from a travel planning information database(s). (See Delorme et al. at Col. 19, ln. 9-15 and 25-31). However, the cited portions of DeLorme et al. nowhere appear to describe customizing guide contents by integrating into the guide contents "user created information" entered by the user, where the user created information can be entered by the user before or during a tour, as required by the present claims.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Sagie and DeLorme fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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